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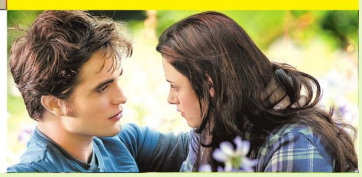

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Welcoming newcomers

Pooja Ruprell, who came to Canada from India in 2006, is seen in Vancouver. She offers advice to newcomers such as getting out and enjoying Canada Day as well as avoiding commenting on people's weight. {page 6}

2 sides in HST battle square off

▶ Business associations file for legal review of anti-HST petition ▶ HST takes effect July 1 ▶ 700,000 signatures being presented today against new tax

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The battle for and against the Harmonized Sales Tax intensified yesterday as a group of business associations filed a legal challenge against the anti-HST petition.

Former premier Bill Vander Zalm will deliver the 700,000-signatory petition in Victoria today, a day before the 12 per cent HST takes effect.

The new tax, which combines provincial sales tax and the goods and services tax, means consumers will spend seven per cent more on certain items (like bicycles and haircuts).

It will cost families an additional $500 a year, according to an estimate by Statistics Canada.

The group headed by forestry and mining industries and the B.C. Chamber of Commerce filed for a judicial review of the draft act to extinguish the tax and the decision to allow the petition in the first place.

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"The HST has not been good short-term politics. I believe the HST is the right thing for our province's economy and for our children's future. Change today will make us stronger tomorrow."
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Vandals, police clash in Greece

▶ 10,000 take part in fifth general strike this year
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Iceland's hot

Despite flight-grounding clouds of ash, volcanic activity can provide tons of fun for travellers. {page 25}

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Gender imbalance in dating violence

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Eighty per cent of Canadians who reported being victims of dating violence in 2008 were women, according to a Statistics Canada study released yesterday.

Dating violence involves assaults committed in intimate but non-married relationships and in most cases occurred after the relationship had ended.

Summer-Rain Bentham, a counsellor at Vancouver Rape Relief, said the violence usually happens after a breakup because male abusers don't want to give up power and control, and become jealous when their exes move on.

"(Vulnerable women) are in the most danger from their partners within the first 18 months of leaving," the counsellor also said.

Bentham added the study likely represents only a small portion of the true incidents of violence because many victims — male and female — are loathe to report the abuse.

Men

Increase Rates of police-reported dating violence increased by 47 per cent for men between 2004 and 2008.

Women

Increase Rates of police-reported dating violence increased by 40 per cent for women between 2004 and 2008.

Anti-HST bill may be months away

- Former premier Bill Vander Zalm plans to deliver petition today opposing new tax
- Elections B.C. staff to verify names, send to committee

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Legislation to repeal the HST could still be about eight months away, said former premier Bill Vander Zalm as he prepared to deliver a 700,000-signature petition opposing the new tax today.

After its delivery, Elections B.C. staff will spend 42 days verifying names and signatures. It will then go to legislative committee for up to three months.

"The government is going to do whatever it can to stall the process," said the former Socred premier, adding there have been hints the legislature will not sit this fall.

44 per cent — The number of signatories on the anti-HST petition that voted in last spring's provincial election.

"Our petition won't hit the legislative floor until the spring of next year."

A second phase of the anti-HST fight, targeting Liberal MLAs in 24 ridings for recall, can't begin until 18 months after the last provincial election.

The timing, plus Elections B.C.'s one-to-two-week consideration of the recall, means the initiative wouldn't start until early December. It places the 60-day petition window on top of the busy holiday season.

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▶ Former B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm speaks at a anti-HST rally in Vancouver in 2009.

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News in brief

Underage sex conviction

CRIME A Victoria man has been convicted for seeking sex with an underage person. He was caught in an online police sting operation when he showed up at a hotel expecting to meet a 16-year-old girl. Officers arrested him when he entered the room.

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▶ Two men are seen crossing Hastings Street East, metres from the intersection, during rush hour yesterday evening.

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1 in 3 pedestrians hit in DTES: Study

- More than 10% of pedestrian injuries occur in Downtown Eastside
- Group urges annual monitoring, reporting system to target reduction

A study funded by the City of Vancouver has found that almost one out of every three Downtown Eastside residents has been hit by a vehicle.

Don Buchanan, co-coordinator of the Downtown Eastside Pedestrian Safety Project, called that statistic the most surprising one he came across.

"I think that's indicative of people who have lost hope and don't have a lot of care for their own personal safety," Buchanan said. "We looked at the causes (of accidents) based on behavioural observation, how people's actions were contributing to dangerous situations on the street."

The report, titled "We're All Pedestrians," is based on background information gathered by researchers at Simon Fraser University and at the University of B.C. over six years. Numbers from that study suggest that there are just under 400 pedestrian injuries recorded each year in the city and more than 10 per cent of those occur in the Downtown Eastside.

"The basic issue with the Downtown Eastside is there are lot of vulnerable road users. It has a much higher percentage of people with mobility challenges and mental-health and addiction issues. All those things are going to contribute to reduced judgment."
DON BUCHANAN, DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT

"The basic issue with the Downtown Eastside is there are lot of vulnerable road users. It has a much higher percentage of people with mobility challenges and mental-health and addiction issues. All those things are going to contribute to reduced judgment in terms of crossing the street," said Buchanan.

"The biggest change we're suggesting is the city implement an annual monitoring and reporting system, so they could monitor pedestrian injuries throughout the city and report on those and set targets for injury reduction."

Buchanan said he believes this single recommendation will have the largest impact citywide.

"It currently isn't being done by the city or TransLink or anyone, actually. Their focus is on congestion."

This would mean every year the city would look at where pedestrians are being hit and whether steps had previously been taken in those areas to address the problem. It would also highlight locations where further work needs to be done.

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Park-and-Ride fees going up

TransLink is raising parking fees at its Park-and-Ride lots starting tomorrow.

The decision to raise fees by $1 is in keeping with TransLink's 2010 operating budget and has nothing to do with the harmonized sales tax, which takes effect the same day.

TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie stressed the new $3 fee is still "extremely low compared to other parking lots."

The new fees affect Park-and-Ride lots at West Coast Express stations and on Scott Road.

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New price

- **Fee**
  It'll now cost $3 to leave your vehicle at TransLink Park-and-Rides.
- **Other increases?**
  Company spokesperson Ken Hardie said other fee increases are being considered. He did not give details.

Houses with teens lean to transit: Stats

Just more than half of all Vancouver households near public transit regularly used the bus or SkyTrain in 2007, according to a Statistics Canada study released yesterday.

Of the British Columbians who opt not to use transit, 77 per cent said it was because they have a car, 29 per cent because the service is too infrequent and 21 per cent because it is too slow.

According to the study, nationally, households that neither owned nor leased a vehicle were almost twice as likely to use public transit regularly.

When households with a vehicle did use public transit, they were three times as likely as those without to use transit regularly only for travel to work.

Households with teenagers were more likely to use public transit. These households were also more likely than adult-only households (aged 25 to 64) to use transit regularly for non-work travel only.

Household income had a less direct relationship with public transit usage. In general, households in the lowest income category were more likely to use public transit.

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911 call released in girl's death

Police in Washington state have released the recording of the 911 call made by the mother of a five-year-old Abbotsford girl killed while on vacation.

Sarah Wilson, a trained nurse, can be heard screaming hysterically as she tries to save her daughter, Clare Shelswell, in the 23-minute recording. The girl's stepfather, Peter James Wilson, has confessed to slashing her throat, police say.

The girl's biological father, James Shelswell, told media yesterday that Wilson should be given the death penalty for the crime.

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▶ Clare Shelswell

The alleged murder happened on Sunday night while the family vacationed in in Lake Cushman, west of Seattle.

After the arrest, Wilson reportedly told police he is bipolar. His next court appearance is July 12.

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Seafood policy at Costco under fire

Greenpeace is claiming that when it comes to unsustainable seafood practices, Costco is one of North America's worst offenders.

Members of the organization hung on yesterday morning outside Costco's downtown Vancouver warehouse a large banner with the words "Ocean Destruction" and a fishing longline with replicas of endangered ocean species.

"We want to encourage consumers to pressure Costco (to adopt a more sustainable seafood policy)," said Greenpeace oceans campaigner Sarah King.

The rally is part of the environmental organization's 2010 Taking Stock campaign, which targets Canada's eight largest supermarkets. The goal of the campaign is to get the stores to purchase and sell more sustainable seafood products.

King said Greenpeace wants Costco to stop selling seafood on a red list of species in danger and to improve how it labels products.

Costco's U.S. president has agreed to speak with Greenpeace.

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Where to find Canada Day fun

West Vancouver

CELEBRATION at John Lawson Park begins at noon. **FIREWORKS** at the park begin at 10:30 p.m.

Vancouver

FESTIVAL at Canada Place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. **FIREWORKS** at 10:30 p.m. **YALETOWN GRAND PRIX** and party from noon to 9 p.m. **PARADE** from 7 to 8 p.m. begins at Georgia and Broughton streets and finishes at Thurlow and Melville streets.

Steveston

65TH SALMON FESTIVAL begins at 10 a.m. with a parade through Steveston village. There will be a craft fair, midway and more than 1,200 pounds of salmon served as part of a salmon barbecue.

Surrey

CELEBRATION at the Cloverdale Millennium Amphitheatre, from 10 a.m. Concert featuring the Odds, Honeymoon Suite, Dragonette, Jessie Farrell and Ridley Bent. **FIREWORKS** begin at 10:15 p.m.

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Interview

▶ Gehan Saati, left, and Pooneh Meratian in Vancouver yesterday.

MEET TWO NEW CANADIANS

Pooneh Meratian — who is expecting her first child in September — moved to Vancouver from Iran two months ago. Her classmate at SUCCESS, Gehan Saati, came from Egypt this year. They sat down with Metro to talk about their experiences as new Canadians:

Why did you choose to come to Canada?
Pooneh: I wanted to make a better future for me and my family ... There is high gender equality and women are well respected here. Also there is freedom, peace and democracy. Canada just fits the values I want to give my children.

Gehan: My son is here and there are many opportunities in Canada. And it's a very beautiful country and humans have dignity.

What were your first impressions of Canada?
Pooneh: I was impressed by the level of integration of the immigrants. A lot of immigrants from different cultures live together peacefully.

Gehan: Canada is really culturally diverse and when I walk down the street, people speak together without thinking about where they come from.

What is the one thing you love most about Ottawa?
Pooneh: Mostly the beautiful nature and clean air and very friendly people.

Gehan: Walking the seawall is very nice. Everywhere you go, people greet you with a smile.

What is the one thing you still find strange?
Pooneh: The high tax. But when I look at the social services I realize where the money goes.

Gehan: How can Canadians are very serious at work yet they still keep a sense of humour.

What are the 3 words you would use to describe your new home?
Pooneh: Peaceful, beautiful and respectful.

Gehan: Beautiful, welcoming and full of hope.

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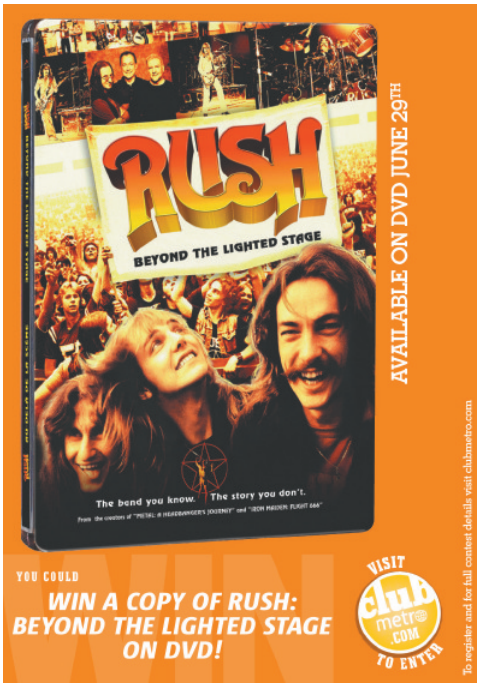

Easing the transition to life in Canada

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▶ Pooja Ruprell

Pooja Ruprell, who moved to Richmond from India in 2006, says there are a number of things newcomers can do to ease the transition and those who already live here can help.

She suggests they take part in activities like Canada Day celebrations and the recent Winter Olympics.

"Just to see the excitement of Canada Day and the events that get planned, I think there is this sense of 'We belong. I was meant to be here and I love this place,'" she said.

Those who already live here can help by introducing new immigrants to friends and not being shy to correct them.

Ruprell said she found out the hard way people in Canada don't like being told they gained weight.

"It's very acceptable back in India," she said.

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STATISTICS CANADA

Many youth crimes at homes: Study

About one-third of crimes committed by youth occur at private residences (32 per cent), a study released yesterday by Statistics Canada indicates. The data consider police-reported crimes by Canadians aged 12-17 in 2008. Other locations where youth crime more commonly occur include commercial establishments (23 per cent) and school property (13 per cent).

"Most youth crime occurred after school hours ... but declined on Sundays," said Andrea Taylor-Butts, one of the report's authors. She emphasized that the statistics applied to accused — and not convicted — criminals.

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CEO shows off a carbon-neutral java

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▶ Salt Spring Coffee CEO Mickey McLeod

Organization helped by investment in green technology

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British Columbia's first bag of "carbon-neutral" coffee was unveiled yesterday at Salt Spring Coffee's Main Street Café.

The carbon neutrality owes to a new deal between Salt Spring Coffee and Offsetters, an organization that brokers carbon offsets through investment in green technology.

"(Environmental conscientiousness) is who I am," said Salt Spring Coffee CEO Mickey McLeod. "I was influenced by some alternative-minded people as a kid in the 1960s and '70s, and I've lived my life that way for many years."

McLeod said the beans arrive carbon-neutral from farms in Nicaragua, in what's called "cradle to gate" carbon neutrality.

However, most of the responsibility for carbon neutrality continues to rest on the consumer, Offsetters executive Donovan Wollard explained.

"Sixty-three per cent of the carbon footprint (from coffee) happens through consumption and waste post-purchase," said Woollard.

He added that coffee drinkers could do simple things, such as using the correct amount of water and composting coffee grounds, to significantly reduce this environmental impact.

Carbon

Hot coffee or cold milk?

▶ **Average** Offsetters say the average carbon footprint of a 400g bag of coffee in B.C. is equivalent to that of running a refrigerator for 17 days.

Groups claim documents win

Two environmental groups say they won a six-year battle over access to documents on sea lice, only to have the government change the rules and refuse the information for their next request.

David Lane, executive director at the T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation, said yesterday the government shouldn't be able to bring up different excuses every time they ask them for information.

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Privacy

Letter says groups need the information to present it at commission.

▶ **Response** The groups' responding letter to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner said they urgently need the information to present it at the Cohen Commission into the dramatic decline of sockeye salmon in 2009 on the Fraser River.

Man's body at rural home probed by police

Police are treating the discovery of a man's body on a rural Mission property as suspicious.
Officers received a 911 call from someone who found the victim in a home on Keystone Avenue.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Mounties in Taser episode could be charged

The four Mounties who Tasered Robert Dziekanski could face charges after a special prosecutor recommended revisiting the decision not to charge them because of the findings of the Braidwood Inquiry.

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▶ Sebastian Albrecht

Realtor: Media pushed me to finish 14th climb

A local realtor credits/blames media coverage for forcing him to finish his record-setting 14 climbs of the Grouse Grind on Monday.

"You're just constantly pushing your body to do something you don't want to do," said Sebastian Albrecht, 35, who was walking relatively comfortably yesterday, although admittedly the stairs in his townhouse were a challenge.

"I'm not muscle sore. It's just the joints. There was a lot of strain."

Albrecht said the 14 climbs — from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. — was a huge jump in difficulty from the 13 he completed last year.

In preparation, Albrecht did interval and speed training on the grind as well as weight training and stretching and yoga for his joints. He estimates he burned somewhere in the neighbourhood of 13,000 to 15,000 calories.

He stuffed as much food as he could on the gondola rides down and was nauseous most of the day.

He was peeing blood by the 12th climb.

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Britain's coalition on the brink already?

Vote shows crack in union between Tories and Lib Dems
Coalition faces uncertain future

Is the honeymoon over for Britain's unlikely political marriage?

Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government, forged between his Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats is showing the first signs of strain, less than two months after taking office following an inconclusive election.

Two Liberal Democrat legislators voted against a key plank of the coalition's austerity budget, which will deliver tax hikes, sweeping cuts to welfare and the toughest reductions in public spending in decades.

With a recent poll showing that the Liberal Democrats, led by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, have rapidly lost support since teaming up with Cameron, some analysts question if Britain's coalition can hold.

40 David Cameron's Conservative party has 40 per cent support in a new Com-Res poll published yesterday.

"The first few weeks was the easy bit," said Steven Fielding, director of the Centre for British Politics at Nottingham University. "It was always going to get harder."

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▶ British Prime Minister David Cameron in his first direct question-and-answer session yesterday.

Circumcision deaths 'unacceptable': Official

South African health officials say they are alarmed by the rise in deaths among men who have had botched traditional circumcisions after 39 young men died in the last month after undergoing the rite of passage into manhood.

Health officials estimated yesterday that as many as six young men have died every weekend in the past few weeks and more than 120 young men are in hospitals nursing their botched wounds. Eastern Cape provincial health department spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said the practice is common in the province.

Kupelo said 91 newly circumcised men died last year alone, and of those 56 occurred during midyear school holidays.

He said five traditional surgeons have been arrested since the beginning of June. He said the government in the Eastern Cape has prohibited the practice in some areas where circumcision deaths have been particularly high.

Circumcision is practised in several communities in South Africa.

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Mexico lifts H1N1 alert

The government of Mexico lifted the alert for H1N1 flu yesterday, ending the health emergency in the country where the illness first appeared 14 months ago. As recently as October, 90 per cent of influenza cases in Mexico were swine flu.

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Opinion

PAUL SULLIVAN

HAPPY 143RD, CANADA

"We are the 'What' in 'What's New'"
– Shane Koyczan, Canadian Slam Poet

It's a great day to be Canadian. It's our 143rd birthday, which makes us a mere infant compared to all those places we're originally from. But look at it this way: while they're sitting on their, um, traditions, we're on our feet and underway.

It's a brand new day.

Maybe it's the experience of the 2010 Olympics, when we set the gold standard for glitz and glory, but there's a new spring in our national step. If everyone is Irish on March 17, on July 1, everyone is Canadian.

In London, they're celebrating Canada in Trafalgar Square, handing out Tim Hortons coffee and playing the Trafalgar Cup Street Hockey tournament.

In Beijing, they're having one of the largest outdoor events of the year, which in China is saying something, complete with a traditional Canadian (?) hot chili pepper eating contest.

New York has five, count 'em five, Canada Day parties, and in Sydney, Australia, they're serving that Great Canadian drink, the bloody Caesar, importing 100 litres of clamato juice especially for the occasion.

Even the Queen and Price Phillip are in on the act, posing as lawn ornaments on Parliament Hill, along with the Barenaked Ladies. How Canadian is that, eh?

Today is the day we leave our hyphen at home and celebrate those things we have in common, not those that make us different. The other 364 days of the year, we have the freedom to celebrate who we are, wherever we're from: Euro-Indo-Afro-Asian- or even Uno- (as in First) Canadians. Myself, I'm usually Irish-English-French Canadian perhaps with a dash of Uno- but today I'm 360° Canadian.

Both parents were children of immigrants and there were lots of looks back in longing for the old sod, and seeing as we're all from somewhere else (even, arguably, if you were here First), I bet the same thing happens in your home.

When I finally set foot on said old sod, it was a nice place to visit, but it didn't take long to understand why my adventurous forebears decided to throw all their treasure at a single risky bet, a new start in a New World.

Today, it's pretty clear that bet has paid off many times over. In the words of Shane Koyczan, that guy who blew us all away with his "We are More" poem at the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Games:

"We are the true north/strong and free

And what's more/is that we didn't just say it

We made it be."

60 seconds

▶ The Maple Leaf on display before a Toronto FC soccer game this season. It became our official flag in what year?

CANADA DAY QUIZ

Courtesy Megan Siegel, CanadianLiving.com

1. Canada is a bilingual country, but what is the only official bilingual province?
a) Quebec
b) New Brunswick
c) Ontario
d) Manitoba

2. What is the oldest walled city that still exists north of Mexico?
a) Montreal
b) Halifax
c) Quebec City
d) Vancouver

3. Whose face is on the Canadian hundred-dollar bill?
a) Wilfred Laurier
b) John A. MacDonald
c) William Lyon Mackenzie King
d) Robert Borden

4. What is Canada's national sport?
a) Hockey
b) Lacrosse
c) Curling
d) None of the above
e) Both a and b

Answers: Photo: 1965.
1:b, 2:c, 3:d, 4:e.

Far and wide

Metro asked people across the country about what makes them proud to be Canadian on this Canada Day.

Alison Keppler
EDMONTON
"The diversity in our country. From the people to the places we visit. It's amazing."

Attikossie Honorine
OTTAWA
"We have peace here."

Stacey Currie
MT. PLEASANT
"I love how open minded everyone is, and its beautiful country, I love Vancouver especially. I came from the East Coast."

Commander Rowland Marshall (Ret.)
HALIFAX
"Canada is a wonderful, free, open country. And we're treating our diverse immigrants and people well, or relatively well ... it's just a great country."

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United they stand, divided they fight

Masked vandals clash with police during Greece's fifth general strike this year Protesters angry over proposed reforms, including higher retirement age

Dozens of masked youths clashed with police at a union protest yesterday in Athens during the country's fifth general strike this year against the cash-strapped government's planned pension and labour reforms.

Riot police fired tear gas and stun grenades to disperse troublemakers who threw chunks of marble smashed off metro station entrances and set rubbish bins on fire.

Running clashes continued along a major avenue — lined with shuttered shops and banks — as rioters armed with wooden clubs made repeated sallies against police.

Yesterday's clashes were far more muted than the riots that erupted during a previous general strike on May 5, when three people died after becoming trapped in a bank torched by rioters.

The violence came as some 10,000 people took part in a demonstration organized by the country's two main labour unions and fringe left-wing groups.

Unions fiercely oppose draft legislation submitted to parliament last week that would increase retirement ages and make it cheaper for companies to fire workers.

The measures are aimed at fixing the country's debt crisis, which has shaken the entire euro zone.

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Shutdown

Yesterday's strike had a wide-ranging impact on life in Greece.

- **Transportation** Services were disrupted.
- **Hospitals** Forced to operate on emergency staff.
- **Media** News broadcasts were pulled off of the air.
- **Public services** Many were shut down.
- **Air travel** Nearly 100 domestic flights were cancelled.

13 The number of demonstrators detained, six of whom were arrested, according to authorities.

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▶ A riot officer pushes away a demonstrator during union protests in Athens yesterday.

G20 detainees clog courtrooms in Toronto

A Toronto courthouse groaned yesterday following the mass arrests related to the weekend's violent G20 protests.

It was another chaotic day as harried lawyers huddled with bewildered family members or sprinted down the corridor to a hearing while friends and supporters milled around the north-end building.

It was standing room only in one of the courtrooms, except no standing was allowed, forcing about a dozen spectators to wait in the hallway.

Sitting hours were increased to accommodate the dozens of detainees following a session that stretched until after midnight Monday night.

For friends and family, the process was painstakingly slow. Supporters alternately applauded and tearfully embraced friends when they were released.

"I feel like a human again," Courtney Winkels said, describing sleeping in a portable bathroom at the special detention centre because the concrete floor in the cell was too uncomfortable. "It was absolutely terrible. ... They did not respect our human rights at all."

About 700 people were arrested over the weekend. Many were released unconditionally, although it remained unclear exactly how many faced charges.

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▶ Vanja Krajina, left, after her release from a temporary jail for G20 protesters.

H1N1 scare for Cambodia PM

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and three of his cabinet ministers have contracted swine flu and the premier is recovering after several days of medical care, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

Hun Sen, 59, required "urgent treatment" after Friday's weekly cabinet meeting, the ministry said in a brief statement released late yesterday.

"After receiving treatment from medical specialists, the health of Prime Minister Hun Sen is back to normal," the statement said.

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GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

The prime minister publicly mentioned last week he had come down with fever and flu-like symptoms, and he was absent from the 59th anniversary of his ruling Cambodian People's Party on Monday.

"Prime Minister Hun Sen has cancelled some of his schedule because of his health," said government spokesman Khieu Kanharith.

He said Hun Sen was still receiving medical attention but gave no details.

The statement also said that Yim Chhay Ly, one of several deputy prime ministers, and two other cabinet-level ministers — Chhay Than and Tao Senghour — had caught the H1N1 virus.

It did not give details about their condition.

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Noriega dismisses laundering charges

Relishing the chance to defend himself in court, former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega boasted yesterday of his one-time international stature and decried the United States as the mastermind of a "conspiracy" that has kept him behind bars for two decades.

Speaking in a booming voice and gesticulating animatedly, the 76-year-old delivered an hour-long monologue that started with his rise from a "modest family" to the summits of power in 1983 and lingered on the details of his long, friendly relationship with the U.S. government — including the CIA. He also gave his take on why the relationship soured.

But when the judges pressed him with questions pertaining to the charges against him — that he laundered drug money in France in the late 1980s — Noriega clammed up, insisting he couldn't recall his financial doings at the time.

Noriega was deposed after a 1989 U.S. invasion and went on to spend two decades behind bars in Florida for drug trafficking. In April, he was extradited to France to face charges that he laundered profits from cocaine trafficking.

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▶ A 1989 file photo of former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega.

Queen saddened by soldiers' deaths

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Queen Elizabeth II receives flowers from Second World War veteran Allan Tanner following an international fleet review yesterday in Halifax.

The Queen joined Canadians yesterday in expressing condolences over the deaths last week of two Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.

In a private message to their commanding officers, the Queen, who is on a visit to Canada, asked that her condolences be conveyed to their families.

The bodies of Master Cpl. Kristal Giesebrecht and Pte. Andrew Miller arrived at CFB Trenton, Ont., aboard a military plane, before their caskets were taken along the Highway of Heroes to Toronto.

The two medical technicians were serving with the Task Force Kandahar Health Services Unit.

As has become customary, scores of people lined overpasses over Highway 401 to show their support for the soldiers.

Also parked on an overpass was a bright CP Rail locomotive adorned with Maple Leafs.

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Price cut riles drug makers

The Quebec government's decision to lower prices on generic drugs has ignited an angry reaction from manufacturers and threatens the profits of the province's pharmacy leader, Jean Coutu.

Drug makers warned that they could reduce investment.

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India breeds bird in captivity

The long-billed vulture, one of the world's most endangered birds, has been bred in captivity for the first time in India, scientists said yesterday.

The three chicks that hatched in February and March in a breeding centre in northern India belong to one of three species of Asian vultures facing extinction. All of the baby birds had fledged — or taken their first flight by Monday. The World Conservation Union has listed the three Indian vulture species as critically endangered, the category applied closest to extinction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

60,000— The number of the three species of vultures is below, says Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which provides funds and technical expertise to the Indian breeding program.

England. Paying respects

▶ Mourners in Wootton Bassett, England, yesterday.

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Paying tribute to the latest British casualties

Mourners pay their respects yesterday as a funeral cortege travels through the high street in Wootton Bassett, England, during the repatriation of seven British servicemen, who were killed in Afghanistan. According to numbers released by the British Ministry of Defence, 20 British soldier have died this month in Afghanistan. In all, 309 British personnel have been killed in the country since the start of operations in October 2001.

LAW

Court out of drug dispute

The U.S. Supreme Court is staying out of a dispute between Nigerian families and Pfizer, Inc., over the drug maker's use of a new antibiotic on children during a deadly outbreak of meningitis in the mid-1990s.

The justices yesterday rejected the pharmaceutical giant's appeal of a court ruling that allowed the lawsuits in U.S. courts to go forward. The families allege that Pfizer violated international law against involuntary medical experimentation when it tested the drug, Trovan.

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G20 security rule never existed

The expiration of the five-metre rule that had Toronto residents fearing arrest if they strayed too close to the G20 security perimeter came with a startling revelation yesterday — it never existed.

The rule seemed straight forward when the news broke last Friday that the Ontario government made a regulatory change to a little-known act in secret.

The temporary regulation, which was passed in secret June 2, did decree that all streets and sidewalks inside the fence were a public work until 11:59 p.m. Monday. Under the Ontario Public Works Protection Act, that allowed police to search people trying to enter that area.

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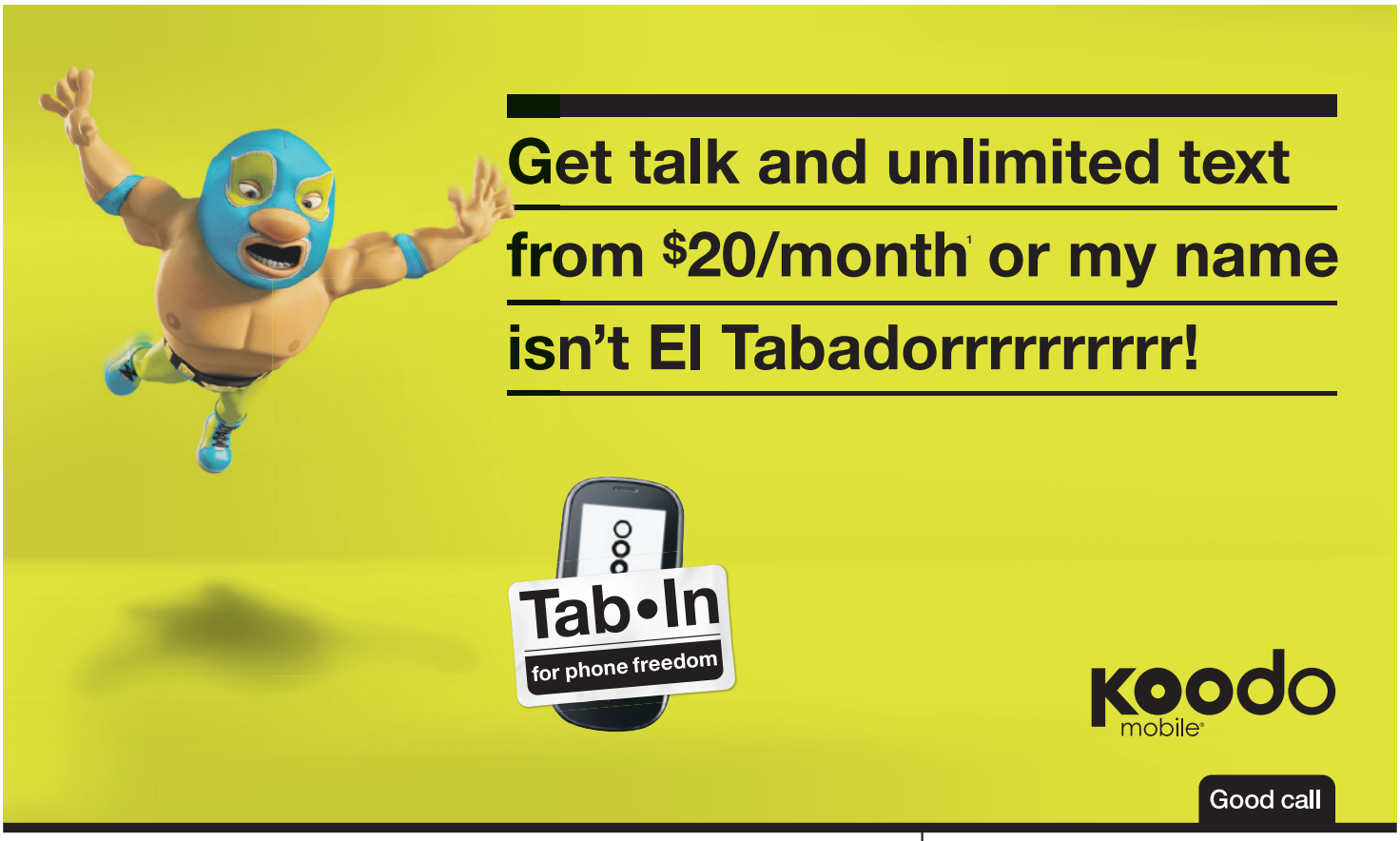

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▶ Right-wing U.S. pundit Ann Coulter stoked controversy during her March campus tour in Canada.

Records show university debated Ann Coulter return

Emails show University of Ottawa president wanted pundit to revisit ◐ Advisers warned of 'news event'

The president of the University of Ottawa wanted to invite Ann Coulter, the abrasive right-wing American commentator, back to campus after her scheduled speech last March was shut down amid fierce protests.

But Allan Rock's advisers talked him out of it, warning that Coulter's appearance would only turn into another media circus, newly disclosed documents show. "An invitation to Ms. Coulter to return to the campus would demonstrate good faith on the part of the university and an unqualified commitment to freedom of expression," Rock wrote in an email to senior university officials on March 24.

That was the day after the speech was cancelled because of raucous anti-Coulter protests outside the university's auditorium.

"Should she decide to take you up on the offer (of returning), her appearance will become a live news event that she will cynically use to personal advantage to extend her sense of grievance and victimization and amplify her profile ... It will be her win, not about your gesture."

CONSULTANT ELLY ALBOIM, IN AN EMAIL TO UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA PRESIDENT ALLAN ROCK, REGARDING ROCK'S INVITATION TO U.S. CONSERVATIVE PUNDIT ANN COULTER TO RETURN TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

But several advisers, including Elly Alboim of the consulting firm Earnscliffe Strategy Group, strongly advised against the move.

"My own personal view is that, on balance, I would not reinvite her," Alboim said in a email to Rock.

"Should she decide to take you up on the offer, her appearance will become a live news event that she will cynically use to personal advantage to extend her sense of grievance and victimization and amplify her profile ... It will be her win, not about your gesture."

University records were obtained by The Canadian Press under Ontario's freedom-of-information law.

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UN: Gangs make $3B a year in human trafficking

Traffickers who subject women and children to prostitution and forced labour are engaged in one of Europe's most lucrative crimes — a $3 billion US a year, modern-day slave trade whose victims are growing by 50 per cent annually, a United Nations agency said yesterday.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime estimated that more than 140,000 people are currently controlled by organized gangs. Many victims are tricked into leaving lives of poverty in eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America with bogus promises of work.

"Europeans believe that slavery was abolished centuries ago. But look around — slaves are in our midst," UNODC executive director Antonio Maria Costa said in a statement accompanying the report.

51%
Of human trafficking victims in Europe come from the Balkan countries or the former Soviet Union, with another 13 per cent coming from Latin America, according to the UN.

Costa said one big problem is that governments in industrialized countries have only recently passed tougher laws to crack down on trafficking in people.

"It is a very recent recognition of a very old problem," Costa said later to The Associated Press, adding that arrests and convictions of traffickers are rare. "I could count them on one hand."

Worldwide, his agency estimated several million people have fallen victim to traffickers.

American actress Mira Sorvino, who serves as a goodwill ambassador for the UN agency, said she met in Madrid with women who have been rescued from trafficking gangs in Spain and their stories were heartbreaking.

One Romanian woman was beaten so badly while being smuggled to Spain that her ribs were broken. Despite the injury, she still had to service clients in a roadside brothel while she recovered, Sorvino said.

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Fines overturned on casino

A $25,000 fine the Canadian government imposed on Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa for flying top gamblers to and from Montreal and Toronto has been overturned. A Canadian appeals panel ruled because the flights were private and not open to the general public, the Borgata did not need a Canadian aviation licence. The Canadian Transportation Agency cited the Borgata for 10 flights its two private jets made between Atlantic City and Montreal or Toronto. The agency said the Borgata needed a Canadian licence. But the casino appealed, and won, convincing an appeals panel last month that the private flights are not covered by Canada's licence law.

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Attack blamed on Maoists

Maoist rebels killed at least 27 paramilitary troops in an ambush in eastern India yesterday, the latest in a series of bold attacks by the guerrillas, a senior police official said.

A 50-strong patrol of the Central Reserve Police Force was ambushed yesterday evening on a routine patrol in a densely forested area in the Narayanpur district of Chhatisgarh state, said Sunder Raj, the police official. Ten other troops were wounded, he said.

Few other details were immediately available from the remote area. It is a stronghold of the rebels, who are also called Naxals, after the village of Naxalbari where their movement started in the 1970s. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dozens of rebels killed

A Congolese general says the army has killed 80 rebels from neighbouring Rwanda and Uganda who crossed into volatile eastern Congo.

Gen. Amuli Bahigwa said yesterday the army killed the rebels in an operation that started June 1.

He said four soldiers were killed and that Ugandan rebels killed eight civilians. Eastern Congo has been wracked by violence since Rwanda's 1994 genocide spilled war across the border. Ugandan rebels have spread their 20-year fight to Congo, Sudan and Central African Republic. Today is Congo's 50th anniversary of independence from Belgium.

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Bank of Canada chief gets nod from abroad

Mark Carney appointed chair of global financial watchdog Top banker made Time magazine list

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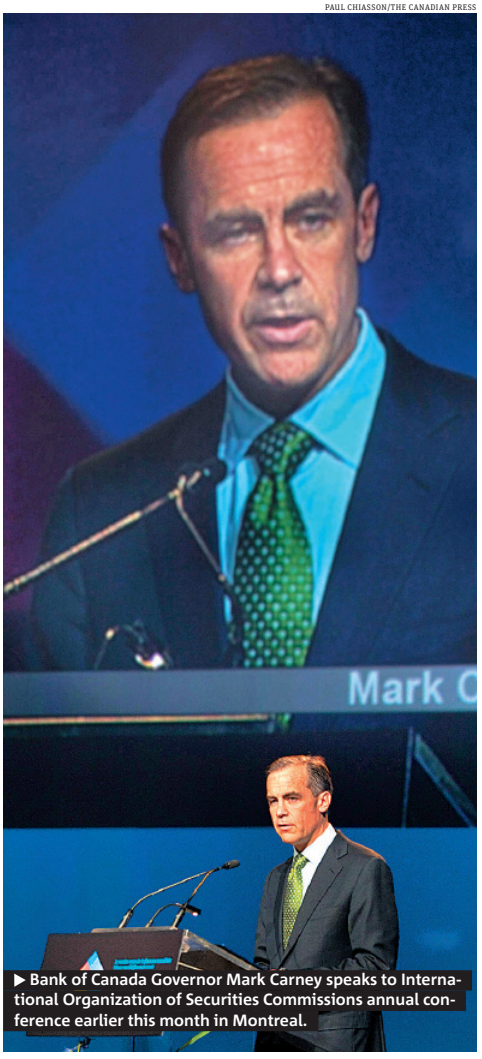

▶ Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney speaks to International Organization of Securities Commissions annual conference earlier this month in Montreal.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney's star keeps rising in international circles.

The 45-year-old former Goldman Sachs executive has been appointed chair of the Committee on the Global Financial System, a position held by Donald Kohn of the U.S. Federal Reserve system the past three years.

The committee — part of the Bank of International Settlements — is responsible for identifying potential sources of stress in global financial markets and to promote reforms.

The three-year appointment takes effect on July 1.

Carney became the second youngest central banker in Canadian history two-and-a-half years ago.

His performance in steering Canadian monetary policy through the recent economic downturn, and his advocacy for reform both at home and internationally hasn't gone unnoticed. In April, Time magazine put Carney on the list of the world's 25 "most influential" leaders, the only central banker to make the grade.

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"Canada has been through a tough economic period and the governor has scored high marks in responding to it."
CIBC CHIEF ECONOMIST AVERY SHENFELD

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Canadians express pessimism

Even ordinary Canadians have noticed that the economy is not recovering as many hoped it would.

Consumers expressed increased pessimism on all four measurements in the index — current finances, future finances, employment expectations and purchase intentions.

"However, the pessimism is not spread across the country. The drop in confidence was concentrated in two regions (Ontario and British Columbia)," said the Ottawa-based think-tank.

13 The Conference Board says its consumer confidence index fell 5.7 points this month and now sits 13 points below where it stood at the beginning of the year.

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Steel firm to appeal ruling

United States Steel Corp. says it will challenge the Federal Court of Canada's decision to uphold the Investment Canada Act, the latest move in a feud with Ottawa over its alleged violations of the act over shutdown of mills in Ontario.

A June 14 ruling allowed the federal government to proceed with a lawsuit against the company.

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LIFE'S GRIND – IT'S JOURNEY THAT COUNTS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Here's to Sebastian Albrecht, who set a record this week for climbing the Grouse Grind 14 times.

Everyone in Vancouver knows about the grind. It's called "Nature's Stairmaster" and it's basically a path up the side of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver, a vertical ascent of 2.9 kilometres. And it's tough, man.

Sebastian Albrecht is tougher. He started at 6:30 Monday morning and finished at 11 p.m., eclipsing his old record of 13. Presumably, next year he will have a go at 15.

You're probably thinking Sebastian Albrecht is nuts. Why doesn't he just bang his head against the wall? It feels just as good when you stop?

But I understand. For the past 33 years, I've run marathons, which are 42-kilometre road races. I have survived more than 20 of these horizontal grinds and have trained thousands of miles around the world. I've left a trail of sweat on the cobblestones of Paris, run rings around the plane trees of Hyde Park, left footprints on the sand of countless beaches, and at one point, ran (as fast as I could) through the homeys of East L.A.

"I could feel the warmth of the sun on my head; I could smell the flowers; I could see what was going on around me."

For guys like Sebastian and me, the point is there is no point. It's the journey that counts. At the end, we look back at the miles we've logged and feel a sense of accomplishment, but the real benefits are found along the way. Two-thirds of North Americans are overweight. It's hard to be overweight when you climb 2.9 kilometres times 14, or run 42 kilometres. Then there's that runner's high, which happens when you stop.

You just put one foot in front of the other and go. It's ideal for people who can't do the Macarena, i.e. me.

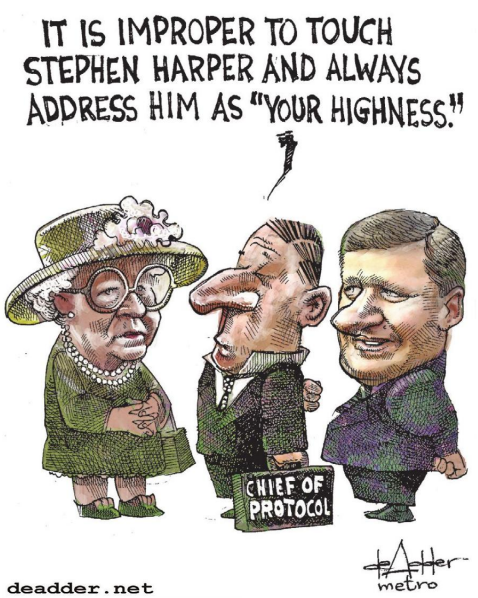
Normally, I would celebrate Sebastian Albrecht's achievement in the usual way — go for a 20km run. But I did something unusual the other day. I went for a walk. Instead of running through the world, I walked in it — and it was a revelation.

I could feel the warmth of the sun on my head; I could smell the flowers; I could see what was going on around me. Normally, when I run, the rest of the world is stuff that gets in the way. People are pylons.

As Arsenio Hall used to say, it makes you go hmmm. Maybe I've been running … away. Maybe it's time to stop and ask what I'm running from instead of what I'm running for. Just drop the M and shuffle the O and R. It changes everything.

Maybe Sebastian is nuts after all.

Cartoon



Society bears the cost

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. I live in Toronto, but was not part of the G20 protests. Watching the media coverage, I am wondering whether or not I should have been.

Our civil rights are defined by what happens in a crisis. Without a crisis, there isn't any social cost to civil rights.

Civil rights exist to limit what can be done during a crisis. The point of civil rights is that on certain issues, society must bear the cost.

It's easy to let someone have a slice of bread when you're sitting on a mountain of loaves. But you can't say that person has a right to bread until you're down to the last slice, and you either hand it over or don't.

After all, what use are civil rights that can be violated when you actually need them? Saying you have civil rights so long as you don't need them — or don't use them — is the same as saying you don't have them.

Finally, the assault on civil rights that occurred in Toronto over the G20 summit was not the fault of the individual police officers present. Or, at least, it was not their fault in general terms.

To lay appropriate blame, we need to know exactly who was giving the officers their orders. Those are the people we should be protesting about.

DANIEL J. BISHOP

The blue wall

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Noteworthy

Octopus goes out on eight limbs

Octopus oracle Paul hesitated, but ultimately picked Germany to win — again — this time over Argentina in their quarter-final matchup at the World Cup Saturday.

Paul rose to global fame after he correctly predicted all four of Germany's games in this year's tournament.

Sea Life Aquarium spokeswoman Tanja Munzig in the German city of Oberhausen said Paul took about an hour before he approached a water glass in his aquarium containing a mussel and marked with a Germany flag.

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News in brief

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3 Joe Jackson ends bid to receive monthly stipend from Michael's estate. METRO

▶ Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart return for The Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Eclipse of the heart

Latest instalment in Twilight movie franchise is the best yet ◐ New Director David Slade ups the action ◐ Vampires and werewolves must work together to protect Bella

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▶ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse**
Genre: Fantasy
Director: David Slade
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson

The third film in the Twilight series — out of an eventual five — is the best to date, but that's faint praise considering the previous two instalments, Twilight and New Moon.

The main cast's continued work in their now-iconic characters as well as new director David Slade's camera work make Eclipse a marked improvement, but the film is stunted by its source material. The lesson here appears to be that practice sometimes makes mediocre.

It's not really Slade's fault. He does his best, adding actual action sequences with brutal beheadings — though no blood, since these vampires are PG-13. With the threat of a growing army of newborn vampires (which are more vicious, we're told) amassing to threaten the life of mopey protagonist Bella (Kristen Stewart), the other two corners of her love triangle, vampire Edward (Robert Pattinson) and wolf-boy Jacob (Taylor Lautner), have to try to get along and convince their respective communities to work together. All the while, Bella and Edward debate the life decision she made at the end of the last film — to become a vampire — in what's basically the exact opposite of dramatic tension.

There are a few bright spots, including some all-too-brief diversions into the backstories of a pair of Cullen vampires, Rosalie (Nikki Reed) and Jasper (Jackson Rathbone). The vignettes are stirring and sweeping and suggest much better films to watch. And the go by far too quickly.

Also worth noting: It's becoming clear that Stewart has quietly been doing some impressive work as Bella. While some might write off her performance as half-asleep, she's actually showing remarkable restraint, holding back to avoid the dialogue's overwrought romance-novel nature. If only Taylor Lautner had such skill.

Screentimes

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Crisis, clubs and creativity

Scissor Sisters released its third studio album, Night Work, this week.
It has been four years in the making but it has been worth the wait.

GETTY IMAGES

Jake Shears of the Scissor Sisters moved to Berlin to get inspiration for his new album

LOUISE THYE-HENRIKSEN
METRO WORLD NEWS

On the table is a large see-through plastic bottle. A thick yellow liquid ripples when Jake Shears puts it down on the table. The unmistakable lead singer in Scissor Sisters with the large blue eyes and the always brash, happy clothes contorts his face.

"It's a pretty disgusting banana-flavoured protein shake," says the 31-year-old Shears.

He has to be ready to conquer the world with disco rhythms and dance pop, because Scissor Sisters have just released its eagerly-awaited album Night Work.

"We just wanted to release a good album and sometimes it just takes a long time to make something good," Shears said.

It took almost four years. Actually it was so hard for the band they threw out two almost-finished albums.

"We wrote Night Work in a couple of months last summer, and it happened really fast. And that's how it should be. We had so much fun making it, and then we realised that it felt right."
JAKE SHEARS

"I didn't feel like releasing an album just to release something. I wasn't sure what it was all about or what the message was. So it was better just to throw it all out and start over," Shears said.

The dance-happy sisters were bored with their routines. The band wanted something new to happen, so lead singer and songwriter Shears fled from New York to Berlin to get some new inspiration and to have fun.

"I could feel that something had to happen. If I continued to sit in the studio every day feeling weighed down we would never make a good album," Shears said.

"In the end I felt like an old lady! I was 30-years-old and hadn't been out on an adventure since I was a 21-year-old backpacker."

Shears settled down in a "shitty" flat in the Kreuzberg area and for a few months he invaded the city's night clubs and networked with other musicians such as Joel Gibb from Hidden Cameras, Rufus Wainwright and Olof Dreijer from The Knife.

"It was fantastic, there was so much creativity and loads of interesting people to hang out with," Shears said.

And when he returned to New York he had a rucksack full of inspiration.

Scissor Sisters

The band consists of lead singer Jake Shears, lead singer Ana Matronic, bass player and keyboard player 'Babydaddy' (Scott Hoffman) and guitar player Del Marquis.

- **Scissor Sisters formed in** 2001 and sprung from New York's club scene and gay milieu.
- **They play a mixture of** disco, glam rock and party-like pop music with obvious inspiration from bands such as Abba and the Bee Gees.
- **In 2004 they released the** album Scissor Sisters with tracks Take Your Mama and Laura. In 2006 came the album, Ta-Dah with super hit I Don't Feel Like Dancing.

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Love Ranch tells the story of a modest Nevada brothel

Story of Love Ranch stranger than fiction

Helen Mirren teams with director husband for brother-boxing drama

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- **Love Ranch**
  Genre: Drama
  Director: Taylor Hackford
  Stars: Helen Mirren
  Rating: ●●○○○

A stranger-than-fiction real-life story gets a less-than-compelling dramatic treatment in Love Ranch, which marks the first time that director Taylor Hackford has worked with wife Helen Mirren since 1985's White Nights.

Mirren plays Grace Contempo, the part-owner and full-time madam of the titular establishment, a modest — and legal — Nevada brothel circa 1976. Grace's husband Charlie (Joe Pesci) delights in taunting anybody who impugns his legitimate house of ill repute.

Charlie decides to finance the comeback of a semi-washed-up boxer, Bruza, (Sergio Peris-Mencheta), whom he thinks can eventually topple Muhammad Ali — and who quite unexpectedly takes a shine to Grace, who has been employed as his manager.

Believe it or not, the Contempos are stand-ins for a real-life couple: Joe and Helen Conforte, whose stewardship of the Mustang Ranch in Reno ended in headline-grabbing scandal in 1976. But the action still feels implausible, particularly the rushed, strangely perfunctory romance between Grace and Bruza.

Mirren commits to her part, but can't redeem the thudding obviousness of the character's arc, while Peris-Mencheta is defeated by the sentimental demands of his noble-bruiser role.

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Cooking up a recipe for a magical story

Aimee Bender's new novel, 'The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake,' follows a young girl who suddenly discovers she can feel what she eats

DOROTHY ROBINSON
METRO WORLD NEWS

In Aimee Bender's beautifully titled book, The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake, the main character, Rose, has a special (if not debilitating) gift. Every bite of food she takes, she tastes the emotions of the preparer — be it a machine, a chef, a cook, or, especially harrowing, her own mother. How did she come up with that plot twist? Bender shared some food for thought.

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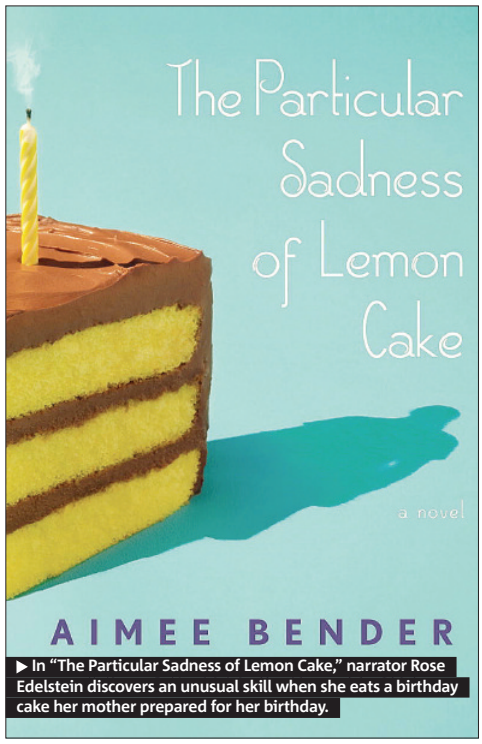
▶ Author Aimee Bender

It's always been known that writing in the voice of a young child is hard, and yet you do so with Rose when she is nine and discovers her gift when she eats her mother's lemon cake. Was that difficult?
Well, I sort of made up a rule that with her voice, she's looking back at her memories, so the moments are at once in a kid's perspective and at once in a young adult's perspective. That's my way of cheating.

People use the term "magical realism" to describe your writing. Do you agree with that designation?
I'm fine with that term. But the terms keep shifting! It can be magical realism and maybe it's fabulism or slipstreams. It's like watching the clouds go by [laughs]. But I'm happy to take them all or none or whatever.

How would you describe your work, then?
I guess I say there's something off-kilter or it's a skewed world or that I go through a side door. But sometimes I'll say magical realism. I do think magical realism is done in a more epic sweep and (my work) is more of a microscopic lens.

How did you get the idea of Rose's gift?
I think I was toying with what might be in food besides food. And what might be carried from one person to another? It had shown up a few different times [in my writing]. One friend said something about feelings as something to digest and that made a correlation in my mind.



▶ In "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake," narrator Rose Edelstein discovers an unusual skill when she eats a birthday cake her mother prepared for her birthday.

Do you like to cook?
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So, no lemon cake?
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Creepy or funny?

Author David Bickel captures the 'unintentionally creepy' aspects of everyday life ◐ Who was actually too much of a 'creepiosity' to include

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Sometimes things are just creepy. They aren't exactly scary, but they just don't feel right — store mannequins with faces that look a little bit too real, or that person next to you on the subway who either has a Bluetooth hidden somewhere or is having conversations with invisible people.

With his first book, Creepiosity: A Hilarious Guide to the Unintentionally Creepy, TV writer and producer David Bickel provides the final word on all things creepy.

"I first got the idea for the concept when I was a little kid," he says. "My mother had one of those Styrofoam wig heads, and it always creeped me out."

"My mother had one of those Styrofoam wig heads, and it always creeped me out."
DAVID BICKEL

From grown men who wear Boy Scout uniforms to squirrels that look at you for a bit too long, Bickel is an expert in all things creepy and hilarious. Plus, the Facebook page and website for Creepiosity have tons of fan submissions.

"Everybody has things that they see as creepy," Bickel reasons. "Now, it's OK to say it out loud!"

The one creepiosity that he couldn't include was Michael Jackson, who died while Bickel was putting the book together.

"I've met him," Bickel says. "I had an hour-and-a-half meeting with him once, and it was magical, fascinating. You're sitting there with Michael Jackson, it's crazy. He's got a piece of Scotch tape to hold his nose on — it was everything you wanted it to be. But there's no denying — maybe the creepiest person of all time."

Hairless cats – a sight you can actually use to punish small children

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Bravo debuts an extra-long *Runway* season

Project Runway will be 90 minutes when the show returns July 29 That's 30 more minutes of Heidi

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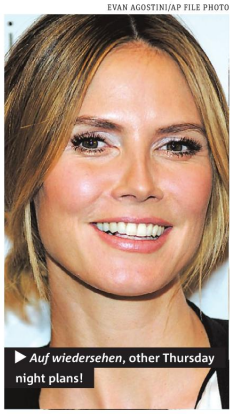

Auf wiedersehen, other Thursday night plans!

A bigger Project Runway is coming to a television near you.

Host Heidi Klum says each episode will be 90 minutes when the reality show returns July 29 on the Lifetime network. That's 30 minutes more drama each week – and that's just how Klum likes it.

"We did get always a few complaints from people that they wanted to see a little bit more, which we were obviously very excited about," she said in a phone interview. "So now we have half an hour more."

That means 30 minutes more drama each week, which this season is set to include ample tears and ambulance visits for three contestants who collapsed on the set.

"We never had that happen before," Klum said.

Now in its eighth season, the show pits aspiring fashion designers against each other for a $100,000 cash prize to help them launch their own clothing line and a fashion spread in Marie Claire magazine.

Klum said the designers keep the show interesting.

"We are not like other shows where we are styling them to look a certain way or feeding them lines," she said. "It's all real, and people like that."

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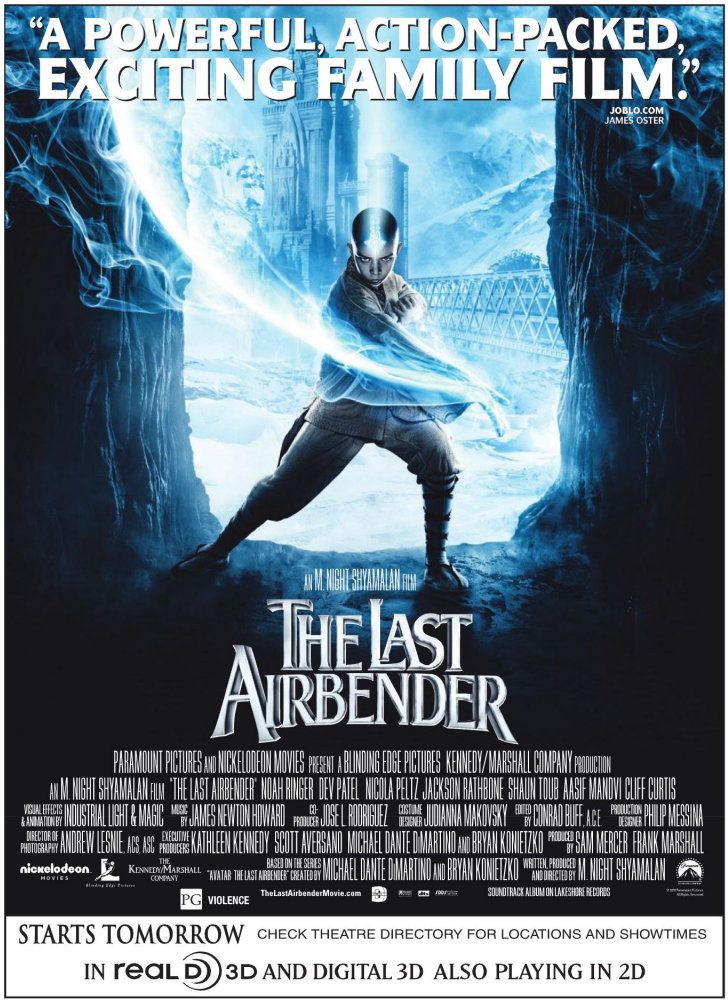

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HAVE YOU HAD A SUMMER CRUSH?

Dorky David Silver gets the last laugh as he marries the hottest girl in town Bet he can't wait for his high school reunion now

Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green were married last week during a top-secret wedding ceremony in Hawaii, according to Star magazine. "They had a fairly large wedding, but there were clearly more security people than guests," a source says. "They had so many security people that they had to call in local security because the hotel security alone wouldn't do. It was very hush hush. Everyone was sworn to secrecy." The couple tied the knot at the Four Seasons Hualalai on Hawaii's big island, and they're reportedly still at the hotel celebrating their honeymoon.

Wedding bell speculation ran rampant last week, after several media sources reported that the former 90210 star had flubbed his proposal to the beautiful starlet by dropping her 2-karat engagement ring in the sand. The couple had initially traveled to Hawaii to attend the wedding of Green's former co-star Ian Ziering.

This is the second marriage attempt for the on-off pair: they called off their first engagement in 2009.

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▶It's official.

Official curb-kick to James complete

Sandra Bullock's marriage to Jesse James is officially over, according to TMZ. Sources tell the website that both parties signed papers last week in Texas that make the divorce final.

According to the divorce papers filed by Bullock in April, their marriage "has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities."

Bullock and James first split in March after several of the American Chopper star's mistresses came forward to admit to sleeping with him while he was married to the Oscar-winning actress.

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Talking points

Piven: 0, Sashimi: 2

FROM THE 'WILL NEVER LEARN' FILES Jeremy Piven's bad luck with sushi continues, as the Entourage star reportedly dropped his BlackBerry in a toilet while visiting a Japanese restaurant in Chicago, according to Page Six. The staff of the restaurant were good enough to fish it out for him and pack it in rice to help dry it out.

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Celebrity tweets

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] FYI.. kombucha was not the reason that my scram went off-i wouldn't of been allowed to drink it if that were the problem.. i love kombucha

Jessica Simpson [@JessicaSimpson] Shocked my system with a vegan diet, special Pu-erh tea from China, and cupping since friday! Who am I right now? This might be too clean!

Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk]

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Elin's primed for the kill

TIGER HUNT While Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren played nice during their first appearance together in months at their daughter's recent third birthday, sources say their divorce battle is getting heated, according to Us Weekly. Elin "wants more money than Michael Jordan's ex got," a source says. The basket-ball star's ex-wife earned a reported $168 million settlement.

Woods and Nordegren are reportedly planning on sharing custody of their two children, with the stipulation that she can always take them to Sweden.

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Talking Points

Lautner still lives at home

PEOPLE While he's become a huge movie star Taylor Lautner still lives at home with his parents. And he even still does chores, he admits. "I help out with the lawn, garbage, dishes," he says
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Dragon tattoo for Jon Gosselin

ART Now that he's moved on from ex-wife Kate Gosselin, Jon is celebrating his newfound freedom with a massive tattoo, Radar Online reports. "I have planned this tattoo for years now," he says of the Korean dragon design adorning his back.
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Carell is ready to clean out his desk

Following seven successful seasons, The Office star is resigning from the NBC workplace comedy next year

Can Dunder Mifflin keep the lights on if actor Steve Carell leaves The Office after next season?

Carell, who plays dunder-headed regional manager Michael Scott on NBC's popular workplace comedy, has been voicing plans to resign his starring role and clean out his desk a year from now.

"When I first signed on, I had a contract for seven seasons, and this coming year is my seventh," he told E! News last weekend. "I just thought it was time for my character to go."

Of course, if this were actually the first move in a game to wangle a sweet new deal, Carell wouldn't be the first actor to try it. (Paging Charlie Sheen!)

On the other hand, Carell has juggled an active if uneven film career with his regular duties on The Office since its premiere.

▶ Actor Steve Carell

He recently starred with Tina Fey in the comedy feature Date Night, and many of his comments on his TV future were voiced while publicizing his latest release, the animated comedy Despicable Me.

Now maybe he's truly ready to concentrate on movies. And maybe he's got the box-office juice to pull it off.

Also, as he told Entertainment Weekly, "I just want to spend more time with my family."

(In February, he told The Associated Press, "I would like for my kids to at least have some familiarity with who I am: 'It's the man from TV!'")

That may all be hunky-dory for Carell. But whither The Office and the viewers who love it?

Adapted from the original, British "mockumentary" series starring and co-created by Ricky Gervais, NBC's The Office was transplanted to U.S. soil in the city of Scranton, Pa., site of a regional office of the Dunder Mifflin paper company.

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Ringo rings in birthday with drum exhibition

New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art will display Ringo Starr's gold-plated snare drum in a special exhibition honouring his 70th birthday. The museum said yesterday the drum will be shown from July 7 — Starr's birthday — through December.

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Rapper pleads not guilty to murder charge

Baton Rouge rapper Torrence "Lil Boosie" Hatch has pleaded not guilty to several charges including first-degree murder.

Hatch's attorney, Marcus Allen, spoke after the hearing and said Hatch is "absolutely not guilty."

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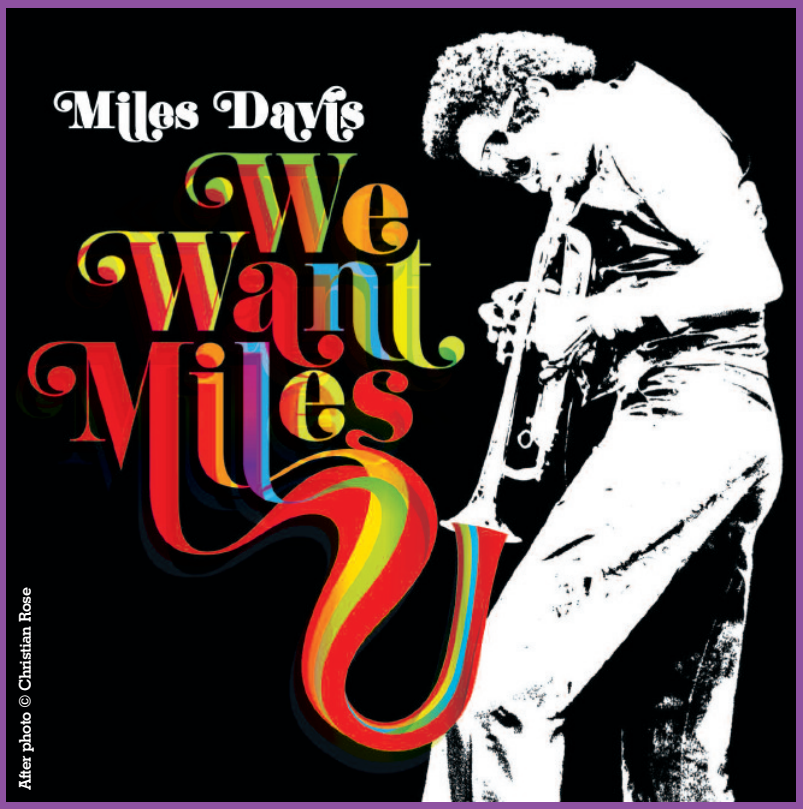

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Fire and ice shows in Iceland

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Earlier this year, as most of us remember, Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano erupted, spewing ash all over this small island nation and creating a massive cloud that closed airports and grounded flights all over Europe,

While it was an extraordinary situation, volcanic eruptions and intense geothermal activity are business as usual in Iceland — which routinely puts on a beautiful but sometimes dangerous display of fire and ice.

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Start your adventures at ground zero — Pingvellir National Park, the only place on earth where you can see the steady migration of the Eurasian plates. The movement has created massive cracks in the earth, dramatic cliffs, and an ever-widening rift valley that sinks by two centimetres every year.

▶ Reykjavik's nightlife is nearly as hot as its pools.

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After that, head to the boiling geothermal area that includes Geysir and Strokkur, two active geysers. Other hot springs can be found all over Iceland, but the biggest is Deildartunguhver, the largest in Europe, flowing at a rate of 180 litres per second — turning all the water in the area (from river to hot pots) into a seething, steaming expanse.

WONDER FALLS

Iceland is home to some of the most gorgeous waterfalls in the world. North of Reykjavik, Hraunfossar, which means literally lava falls, is a series of flossy-white cascades which flow directly out of a jet-black lava field.

Also make sure to stop at Gullfoss, a magnificent glacial waterfall that often creates a complete rainbow at its base.

80%

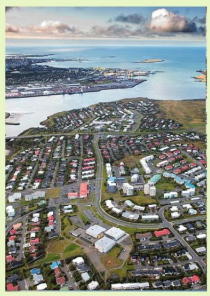
Amount of land covered by glaciers, and lava fields

HOT, EVEN AT NIGHT

Not all of Reykjavik's heat is found in pools. The city's nightlife has become legendary, and it's widely regarded as one of the world's best party destinations—especially in the summer, when the midnight sun shines.

On the weekend, things don't get cranked up until after midnight, and many bars stay open until six in the morning. Don't miss Kaffibarinn, a mega-popular club part-owned by Gorillaz frontman Damon Albarn, NASA, the city's largest dance club, or Boston, where the party goes all night long.

What to see and where to soak



Reykjavik: This city — the world's northernmost capital — is dotted with about a dozen geothermal pools, places where naturally-warmed waters provide a place for swimming, relaxation and socializing

Laugardslaug: The city's largest pool lets you pick your pace — swim some warm laps in the Olympic-sized swimming pool, twist down the fun little waterslide, or just chill in one of the several hot pots (each of which is heated to a different temperature).

Nautholsvik Geothermal Beach: This ring of golden sand (reportedly flown in from Morocco) hosts two hot pots, but the big attraction is ability to swim in a part of the Atlantic that's just a wee bit south of the Arctic Circle

TIM JOHNSON

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Top 3

Travel finds this week:

1 **iSpa:** A free iPhone app allows spa-goers to search SpaFinder's exhaustive database of more than 5,000 day and destination spas around the world by price, deals, treatments, and online booking availability.

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- 4 slices black forest ham
- 8 basil leaves
- 4 small tomatoes, sliced

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Arrange bread in a single layer on a rimmed sheet pan and toast in oven, flipping once, until golden brown, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat, keep toast on sheet pan and set aside. Preheat broiler to high.
3. Meanwhile, in a saucepan set over medium heat, melt butter. Add flour and nutmeg and stir with a wooden spoon for 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk and cook, stirring, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens, about 2 minutes. Add ½ cup cheese, stir well and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Spread a thin layer of cheese sauce (about 1 tablespoon) over each slice of toast.
4. Cover with a slice of ham, followed by another even layer (about 3 tablespoons) of cheese sauce. Arrange basil and tomato slices on top of cheese sauce, season tomatoes with salt and pepper and sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese.
5. Place under broiler, 6 inches from heat and cook until sauce is bubbling and cheese is golden brown, about 6 to 8 minutes.

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Opera singer taps into passion for beer

Canada lost a budding opera singer when Mirella Amato switched careers to become a beer sommelier.

Four years ago, while living in Naples, Italy, the Toronto soprano had to make a choice between spending all her time overseas performing or returning to Canada.

She chose the latter so that she could pursue her desire to learn as much as possible about craft beer.

The term "craft beer" is used to describe beer made by relatively small, independent breweries using traditional methods.

"Beer was already a passion for me," says Amato, 35, and was very much a hobby she was involved in.

She had learned valuable freelance and performance skills as an opera singer, and she says she carried those into her new calling.

Amato says she spent that first year in 2006 exploring the beer industry, talking to brewers, taking courses, reading books and magazines and learning as much as possible about the local business.

"My passion for craft beer stems from the fact that I like to shop locally and support small businesses."
MIRELLA AMATO, BEER SOMMELIER

"At the end of that year it became clear that the best thing I could do was spread the word and help people discover the huge variety of brews and their flavours," she says.

Amato also joined the Canadian Amateur Brewers Association and began working toward certification as a beer judge in 2007.

"Besides judging, my other work is aimed at getting people excited about small-batch beer and providing the tools for them to navigate the selections and start exploring."

She also writes regular columns for the beer magazine TAPS and the Great Lakes Brewing News.

"My passion for craft beer stems from the fact that I like to shop locally and support small businesses," Amato says.

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Do you dilly-dally daily?

Feel like you're wasting time on the company dime? It might be healthy

DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

Since the days of squawking modems and AOL trial-runs, the Internet has been credited with fantastic gains in workplace productivity — but what about counter-productivity?

For all its wonders, isn't the technology equally responsible for countless daytime hours squandered scrolling through status updates and comment sections?

Research on whether office Internet access encourages procrastination is surprisingly mixed. Last year, a University of Melbourne study found that nine-to-fivers who spent around a fifth of their workday browsing for leisure were actually more productive than those who didn't.

According to Dr. Tim Pychyl, a time-management researcher at the University of Ottawa, it's clear that for the procrastination-prone among us, the Internet is a beehive of distractions.

"If you get to a point where your use of the Internet is keeping you at your desk too long, or is interfering with relationships, or is causing you to miss deadlines, then that's a problem," he warns. You may be so busy self-Googling that you're not even aware of it.

"When you're at your computer, you feel like you're working," notes Generation Y career guide Lindsey Pollak. "So even if you're playing on FaceBook or online shopping, you can almost trick yourself into thinking you're not procrastinating."

Time to binge

To cut down on dilly-dallying, researchers recommend "batching" your leisure browsing into one 20-minute binge every hour or two.

"I'll work straight for an hour, and at the end of that hour, I'll batch all my FaceBook checking, Twitter and whatever I need to do for 15-20 minutes," career guide Lindsay Pollak offers.

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News in brief

What's up with art degrees?

EDUCATION What attracts applicants to university Arts programs? A recent Academica Group's report, looks at national results from the 2009 UCAS study and concludes that Arts applicants are higher-ed traditionalists, more attracted by international exchanges, a safe and attractive campus, small classes, social life and school traditions — and less concerned with employment outcomes, co-op placements, technology or research. The white paper includes a graph of 50 key decision factors.

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EDUCATION The University of Saskatchewan's College of Law is joining several law schools in Canada in bestowing on its graduates Juris Doctor (JD) degrees instead of Bachelors of Law (LLB).

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There's hope for underachievers

Do good grades in college mean huge success later in life? Good news, C students — there's no proof What Kurt Vonnegut, Bill Gates, Woody Allen and Colin Powell all have in common

BRUCE WALSH
METRO WORLD NEWS

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No one has found a very strong correlation between grades and intelligence or success after college.

In 1984, a team of researchers led by Cleveland State professor Gordon E. Samson combed through 35 independent studies and found very little, if any, correlation between GPA and "income, job satisfaction and effectiveness."

Educators have been scratching their heads ever since.

A great many studies have since been commissioned on this topic and, while findings vary somewhat, no one has found a very strong correlation between grades or success after college.

This may provide a ray of hope to students currently making up a course in summer school. Kurt Vonnegut, Bill Gates, Woody Allen and Colin Powell were all in your shoes too. And there's plenty more.

La Salle University professor Dr. Katie Neary Dunleavy, who studies the classroom behaviour of students and professors, says it's all about what experts in her field refer to as "learning orientation verses grade orientation."

"Students can be one or the other or a combination of both," she says. "The (heavily learning-oriented) student probably won't use a study guide … They are, however, great to speak with interpersonally, as they often have more of a firm grasp on the ideas presented in class."

Vonnegut on grades

Kurt Vonnegut

Kurt Vonnegut, notorious for underachieving as a college student, often graded his novels in interviews and in print. In his collection of essays, Palm Sunday, he provides his own literary report card. Here are just a few:

- Slaughterhouse-Five: A+
- Breakfast of Champions: C
- "This is much better than I ever did in college," Vonnegut told Charlie Rose in a 1996 interview. "How well did you do?"
- "Not that good," he replied.

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Villa sinks Portugal

Spanish star scores winner off a rebound late in the contest ◆ Ronaldo fails to spark offence for Portugal ◆ Spain now faces Paraguay

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▶ Spain's David Villa scores his side's old first goal past Portugal's Eduardo.

David Villa finished off a move of Spanish perfection to finally break down Portugal's defensive wall yesterday, giving the European champions a 1-0 win and a spot in the World Cup quarter-finals.

Villa scored his fourth goal of the tournament in the 63rd minute, while Cristiano Ronaldo again failed to inspire Portugal.

"It was one of my best goals because it got us through to the next round," Villa said. "Keep scoring so we can keep going."

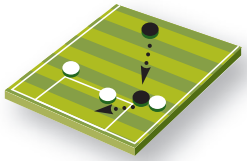
Portugal's only defensive weakness had been on its right flank, where Ricardo Costa struggled. He was sent off for elbowing Joan Capdevila in the 89th minute, stifling a late Portuguese drive.

"The match was extremely intense," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "In the second half, we were better than Portugal. We had greater depth in our play, and we controlled the game very well."

Spain will now play Paraguay in the quarter-finals on Saturday at Ellis Park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The lone goal

David Villa's late marker proved to be the winner.



- A trademark Spanish passing move found Andres Iniesta in the centre. He flicked the ball through to Xavi Hernandez, who backheeled to Villa, who was bordering on being offside as he charged in on the left.
- Villa saw his first shot blocked by Portugal goalkeeper Eduardo, but on the rebound, he coolly slotted home with his right foot.

Goal: Spain, David Villa 4, 63rd minute.
Shots: Spain: 19; Portugal: 9.
Yellow Cards: Spain: Xabi Alonso (74th); Portugal: Tiago (80th).
Red Cards: Portugal: Ricardo Costa (89th).
Offsides: Spain: 0; Portugal: 3.
Fouls: Spain: 13; Portugal: 18.

Historic victory for Paraguay

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The Paraguayans have conceded only one goal, against Italy in the first round. On the flip side, their strikers have yet to record a goal in four games at the World Cup.

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▶ Oscar Cardozo celebrates his goal in penalty kicks.

The last thing Paraguay wanted was to wind up in a shootout with Japan. After all, the South Americans almost never practise penalty kicks — or have any success when they do.

Yet Paraguay took the most difficult route to its first World Cup quarter-finals yesterday. After 120 exhausting minutes without scoring, the Paraguayans found their touch in penalty kicks, making all five to beat Japan.

Oscar Cardozo clinched the 5-3 shootout win after a 0-0 draw with a low left-footed drive past goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima. The only miss in the shootout was by Japan defender Yuichi Komano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Can South American sweep be stopped?

A final four fiesta at the World Cup. Why not?

The first South American semifinal sweep could unfold if Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay all win their quarter-finals. European powers Spain, Germany and Netherlands and lone African survivor Ghana are out to make sure that doesn't happen.

Four multiple World Cup winners and four who have never captured the title made it to the final eight, with two matchups — Argentina-Germany and Netherlands-Brazil — worthy of the final itself.

In the other quarter-finals, two-time World Cup winner Uruguay faces Ghana and Paraguay takes on European champion Spain.

Argentina and Germany met in back-to-back finals in 1986 and '90, and the common denominator is Diego Maradona, who played in each final and now coaches the South American team.

"I feel like pulling on the jersey and playing myself, it is beautiful to be involved with this group of players. I feel proud to share these moments with them," said Maradona, whose ability as a coach was put into doubt by some poor performances in qualifying.

"They said I had no idea about how to coach, but suddenly I am winning matches and I am still the same guy."

Ghana is the only African team left. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Door open to instant replay?

Upon further review, soccer's governing body now agrees that something must be done about the blatant missed calls that have infuriated fans and players alike at the World Cup.

Just what that something is, though, won't be dealt with until after the tournament in South Africa is over.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said yesterday that changes will be considered, and that he has apologized to the English and Mexican teams, both of which were victims of bad calls Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 sports

News in brief

1 Reports say Dirk Nowitzki will opt out of his contract.

2 The Dallas Stars will not offer Mike Modano a contract.

3 The Phillies put second baseman Chase Utley on the 15-day DL.

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Up and down

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While it won't hit Canada until next fall, you can enjoy the Nissan Junk through a newly-launched 360-degree vieww website: nissan.ca/junk

Chevrolet Camaro delivers the power

Camaro might be a big and heavy machine, but it handles and stops competently and proves rewarding Crank up a Boston Acoustics system

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
FOR METRO CANADA

Interestingly, the V6-powered Camaro RS and the V8-powered Camaro SS look virtually identical to one another albeit some minor visual cues and a single letter of their badges.

With horsepower ratings at 306 for the RS and up to 426 for the SS, the strong visual similarities mean that opting for the higher-end model is almost entirely an output-motivated decision.

With a Corvette-derived 6.2 litre V8 under the hood, Camaro SS drivers who opt for the standard six-speed manual get 426 horsepower on perpetual standby. Automatic models get 400. Learn to shift yourself, enjoy the extra power, and save the $1,500 for speeding tickets and car wax.

▶ The tested Camaro SS had powerful Brembo brakes, high-performance Pirelli tires, performance-tuned suspension and 20-inch wheels.

Specifications

- **Type**
  Sports coupe
- **Price**
  SS model — $37,065
- **Engine**
  6.2L V8, 426 horsepower
- **Fuel Economy**
  12L/100km (observed mileage)
- **Highlights**
  OnStar, heated seats

End of the day, Chevrolet has made the Camaro SS a potent performance weapon that's also sensible and comfortable enough for day-to-day use.

Complaints include a modest-looking cabin with a low-budget feel to most trim pieces, as well as very limited outward visibility.

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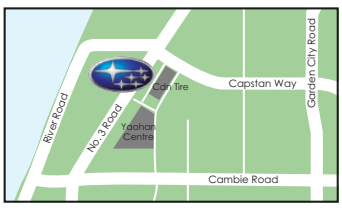

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BMW 135i Cabriolet proves to be the One

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With summer in full swing, a week behind the wheel of a 2011 BMW 135i Cabriolet proved just the ticket. While its bigger brother, and mechanically similar 335i Cabriolet uses a complex retractable hardtop, the One sticks with the tradition light-weight fabric lid. Good call. It operates in 22 seconds and can perform its mechanical ballet at up to 40 km/h, taking the worry out of those stop light retractions. It also leaves a usable 260 litres of space in the trunk.

Yes, BMW's diminutive drop top may look cute as a puppy, but the "35" designation on its rump indicates formidable performance.

Put your foot in it and your toupee will be flitting down the road behind you faster than you can blurt, "Fraulein, mien rug!"

With a base price of $48,500, this rear-drive premium compact packs the latest version of BMW's 300 hp 3.0L straight-six (N55), now with a single twin-scroll turbo, Valvetronic throttle-less intake technology and its 300 lb.-ft. of twist available at a lower 1200 r.p.m.

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Adding packages adds dollars

As with most premium European cars, the bottom line swells dramatically as you check those option boxes.

The Executive Package ($3,950) adds heated steering wheel, garage door opener, proximity key, auto dimming interior mirror, powered memory seats with lumbar, and Boston leather.

The M Sport package, at $1,900, is a must in my view, with 18-inch M double-spoke alloys and performance run-flats, meaty M steering wheel and shift knob, and width adjustable sport seats.

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No price increase for 2011 Outback

Subaru Canada, Inc. (SCI) has announced pricing for the 2011 range of award winning Outback models, even with enhanced equipment, will carry over from the previous model year.

For the new model year, Subaru introduces a new Convenience Package that's standard on the Outback 2.5i and includes folding exterior mirrors and voice-activated Blueconnect Bluetooth system for hands free cellphone connectivity. In addition Subaru has added a new front bumper under-guard to the Outback 2.5i Sport Package.

For a complete list of models, options, and pricing, go to subaru.ca.

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▶ Make sure the condenser is free of any obstructions, such as leaves or insects ▶ Examine all A/C system hoses for cuts and weak spots

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▶ Keeping your A/C tuned will keep you cool this summer

Hours spent in a hot, stifling vehicle can spoil a weekend getaway or vacation. Conducting a periodic underhood inspection may help you spot air conditioning problems before they spoil your trip.

Here's what to look for:

1. Are A/C component mounting bolts in place and tightly secured?

2. Are caps installed on the A/C system service ports? This keeps out dirt, and also provides a seal for refrigerant.

3. With the engine running, does the compressor clutch engage when the A/C is switched on? If it doesn't, this usually indicates a low (or empty) refrigerant condition, or an electrical problem. Also, listen for rapid clicking or cycling noises at the compressor when the A/C is switched on. If this is happening, it could also indicate low refrigerant or some other problems. Have it checked by your service technician. (Note: Some A/C systems prevent compressor clutch engagement in low temperatures, typically at or below 40 degrees F.)

4. With the engine running and the A/C switched off, listen for knocking or rumbling sounds in the vicinity of the compressor. These could indicate a failing compressor clutch, and/or loose mounting hardware.

5. Check all belts for cracks, wear, and glazing. Have them replaced at the first sign of any of these conditions. Also, check for belts that vibrate while the engine is running and the A/C is on. This may indicate a belt that needs to be tightened, or a defective automatic belt tensioner.

Note: Always be extremely careful any time you're under the hood while the engine is running. Stay away from all rotating components with your hands, clothing, and hair, and always wear eye protection around a running engine.

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Meet MyFord touch

New colour-coded control technology will be available on the majority of Ford's nameplates within five years to help drivers manage information coming into car

DRIVING FORCE

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As cars get more complicated, designers have a problem: Making it easier for people to work them. When drivers have only seconds to look away from the road, controls must be easy to understand and operate.

For Ford, that means the new MyFord Touch.

Starting in the Ford Edge, Focus and Lincoln MKX, where it's called MyLincoln Touch, the technology will be available on the majority of Ford's nameplates within five years.

"It's really about managing the information that's coming into the car," says Paul Aldighieri, user interface designer for Ford. "That information could be very traditional, such as climate control, or things that are brought in, like managing an MP3 player or phone, or even potentially beamed in, like the Net."

Colour-coding is an easy way for users to quickly understand information. The four corners of the MyFord Touch screen guide the driver: yellow for tele-phone information, green for navigation, blue for climate control, and red for entertainment.

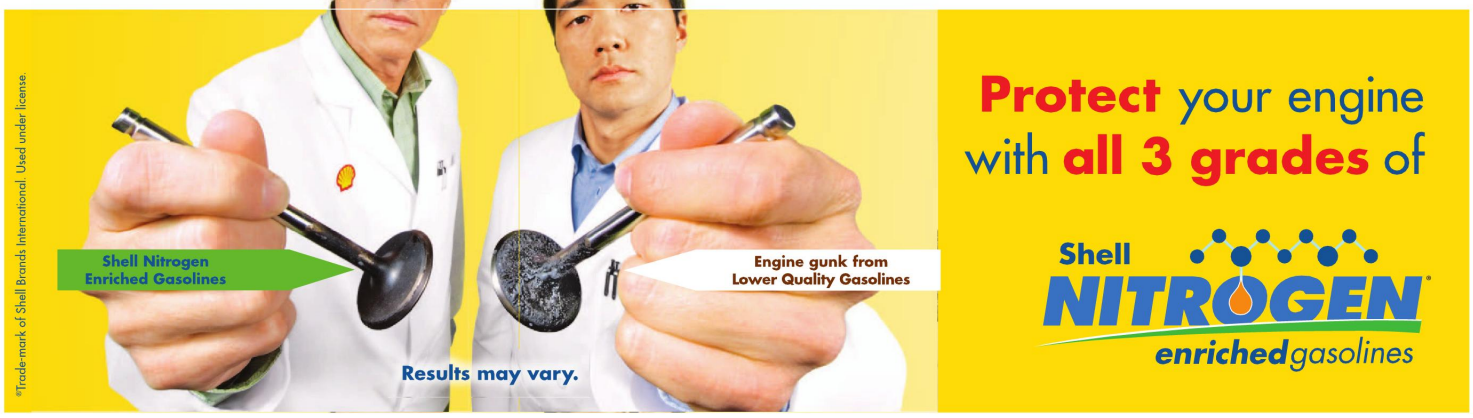
"The colours were chosen on a colour wheel, but we had a couple of things that helped inform us," Aldighieri says. "We wanted navigation to be green because that's the colour of our highway signs, so it made sense, while climate is blue because blue is the colour typically associated with coolness."

As its name suggests, MyFord Touch doesn't use traditional controls, instead relying on touch-sense buttons that work when a finger comes in contact with the surface. "We're not as constrained as with the mechanicals of a traditional switch," Aldighieri says. "It doesn't have to be flat, and it doesn't have to provide 'landing areas' between the buttons that we traditionally have to provide.

"If you think about the iPhone, as an example, there's quite a bit of control and display, but there's only one button on the surface, and lots of points of interaction. It's part of being approachable, and you can be much more free when you present the controls."

The system supports Ford's voice-activated SYNC control, allowing users to speak a variety of commands.

▶ MyFord Touch relies on touch-sense buttons and supports Ford's voice-activated SYNC controls.



QUESTION: TO REBATE OR NOT TO REBATE?

Auto Pilot

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I'm not much of a political animal and tend to stay clear of discussions on how to spend the public money.

The obvious exception, of course, is when it directly concerns moi! For example, I would totally raise my voice in favour of subsidizes to encourage more vinyl re-issues of early 1970s arena rock.

Even though we're not currently looking to add a vehicle to our family fleet, I'm still completely drawn into the discussion of whether governments should offer rebates to customers wishing to purchase electric (EV) and/or 'plug in' hybrid (PHEV) vehicles.

The discussion ramped up recently, because come July 1, 2010 (yes, Canada Day), several provinces (Ontario, B.C. and PEI) will no longer offer rebates toward purchases of "regular" hybrids.

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▶ While several provinces will lift rebates for hybrids, they will offer cash for purchasing electric vehicles such as the upcoming Nissan Leaf.

This was brought on because their current programs were based on rebating provincial sales tax (PST), and the HST replaces the PST in those provinces on Canada Day.

We have yet to hear how most provinces will change their green-car rebates moving forward, but we sure did hear from Ontario.

It introduces what just might be the largest electric car rebate — up to $8,500 — of any jurisdiction in the world.

"The maximum benefit of $8,500 exceeds similar electric vehicle rebates from the U.S., Quebec or upcoming U.K. programs," noted Ontario MTO spokesperson Bob Nichols.

"The Ontario program is designed to be a point of purchase incentive; many other jurisdictions, including Quebec and the U.S. are income-tax based programs. We feel that reducing the price differential of these new vehicles from conventional vehicles at the point of purchase will encourage more consumers to adopt this strategy."

Well, it certainly won't discourage people from buying EVs and PHEVs, but is this the right strategy for greening the fleet, stimulating domestic EV manufacturing, and a good use of public money? Unfortunately the answer to those questions can only come in the fullness of time.

There are great arguments, both for and against green rebates (see sidebar), but the one that keeps gnawing at me the most, is that the automakers are already committed to building these vehicles.

I'm sure they haven't planned on letting them go unsold on dealer lots, or watching their competition walk away with this new, emerging market.

Let them compete, I say, against all other EVs and PHEVs, and against all other types of vehicles, and let the best team win. Or maybe I'm watching too much World Cup soccer at the moment.

Debating rebating

For green vehicles

- Raises profile of green cause
- Accelerates greening of the fleet
- Incentive for more, and quicker, automaker involvement

Against green vehicles

- Funds better served somewhere else
- Prematurely anoints electric as top green prospect
- Initial production of EV and PHEVs already virtually sold out

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News in brief

Kia Sorento 'top safety pick'

Joining the 2010 Forte compact sedan and 2010 Soul urban passenger vehicle, the 2011 Sorento compact utility vehicle has been recognized as a "Top Safety Pick" by the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in the midsize SUV category when built after March 2010.

Sorento, which went on sale earlier this year, received the organization's top honour by earning "Good" ratings (the highest achievable) in frontal, side, rear and rollover impact crash safety tests.

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Lincoln MKZ hybrid most fuel-efficient hybrid

Lincoln's first-ever hybrid, the 2011 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, is now officially the most fuel-efficient luxury sedan in North America with an EPA-certified (US) 41 mpg rating in city driving and (US) 36 mpg on the highway.

The 2011 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's final fuel economy certification was completed this week, and the vehicle will carry an EPA label of 41 mpg for city driving and 36 mpg on the highway when it goes on sale this fall.

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All about colour

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
FOR METRO CANADA

Ever wonder how carmakers come up with the colours available for your next ride? So have we. Justin Pritchard get's some answers from Ford's paint expert, Jon Hall. The lead designer of colours and materials at Ford, Hall explains how colour offerings are decided, which colours are the most popular.

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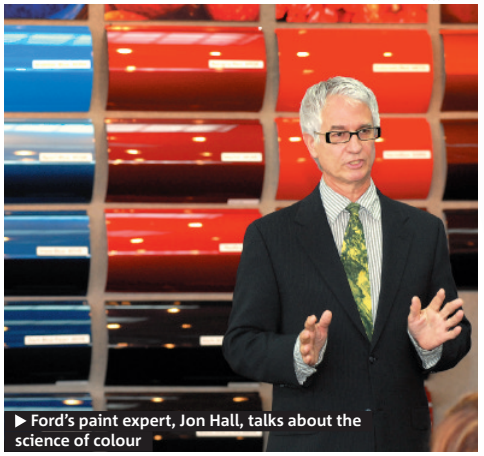

▶ Ford's paint expert, Jon Hall, talks about the science of colour

Where do available paint colour selections come from? Who decides which colours are available?

Colour selection is led by our design team, but we have lots of input and resources to draw from in making those choices. Most importantly, we have a group with expertise in automotive design, fashion, interior design, textiles, art, and even technical product experience.

We have information to help us keep abreast of such industries as fashion, automotive and other industrial design.

Also, information comes from many worldwide trade shows for things like furniture, interior design, and materials.

How much does brand image have to do with the colours available on certain models? Why can't I get a Lincoln MKZ painted in bright yellow?

Colours are evaluated for how well they fit with certain brands and designs.

You might be perfectly happy with a bright yellow Lincoln, but through our research and dealer committees we are able to gauge that an exotic colour would not appeal to the majority of Lincoln customers.

We want colours that fit right to the vehicles that custom-ers see on the road and in our dealerships, and colours that are desirable and beautiful as well.

LS a reliable luxury ride

On a test drive, be sure to check for proper operation of all interior accessories — including the stereo

SECOND GEAR

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American luxury sedans tend to deliver ample doses of luxury and style at a reasonable price point once they hit the used market — and the Lincoln LS is no exception. The now-retired model was one of the brands most successful entry models, and was available in model years 2000 to 2006 inclusive.

Both six and eight-cylinder engines were available, as was a rare manual transmission on the smaller engine. Power output for the standard 3.0 litre V6 was rated at 210 or 232 horsepower depending on the year, while the small-displacement 3.9 litre V8 generated 252 or 280 ponies.

The LS was facelifted and powered-up for a 2003 update, after which point it carried on until 2006 before being replaced by the Zephyr–which is now called the MKZ. Many criticized Lincoln for stopping production of the rear-drive LS in favour of the front-drive Zephyr, which is a badge-engineered Ford Fusion twin.

Features included a CD changer, THX audio system, power sunroof, dual-zone climate control, a motorized tilt/telescopic steering wheel and a full complement of airbags. Xenon headlights were available, too.

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▶ A 2006 Lincoln LS: A newer model that checks out mechanically will give you a fairly reliable and refined luxury car experience that won't break the bank.

Specifications

- Model
  2000 to 2006 Lincoln LS
- Vehicle type
  Luxury sedan
- Approximate used price range
  $5,000 to $20,000

What owners said

What they like: LS owners praise the styling, handling, ride, power and pricing. The THX stereo system is said to be excellent, too.

What they hate: Complaints from LS owners were few and far between, though some gripes exist about poor fuel economy with the V8 engine.

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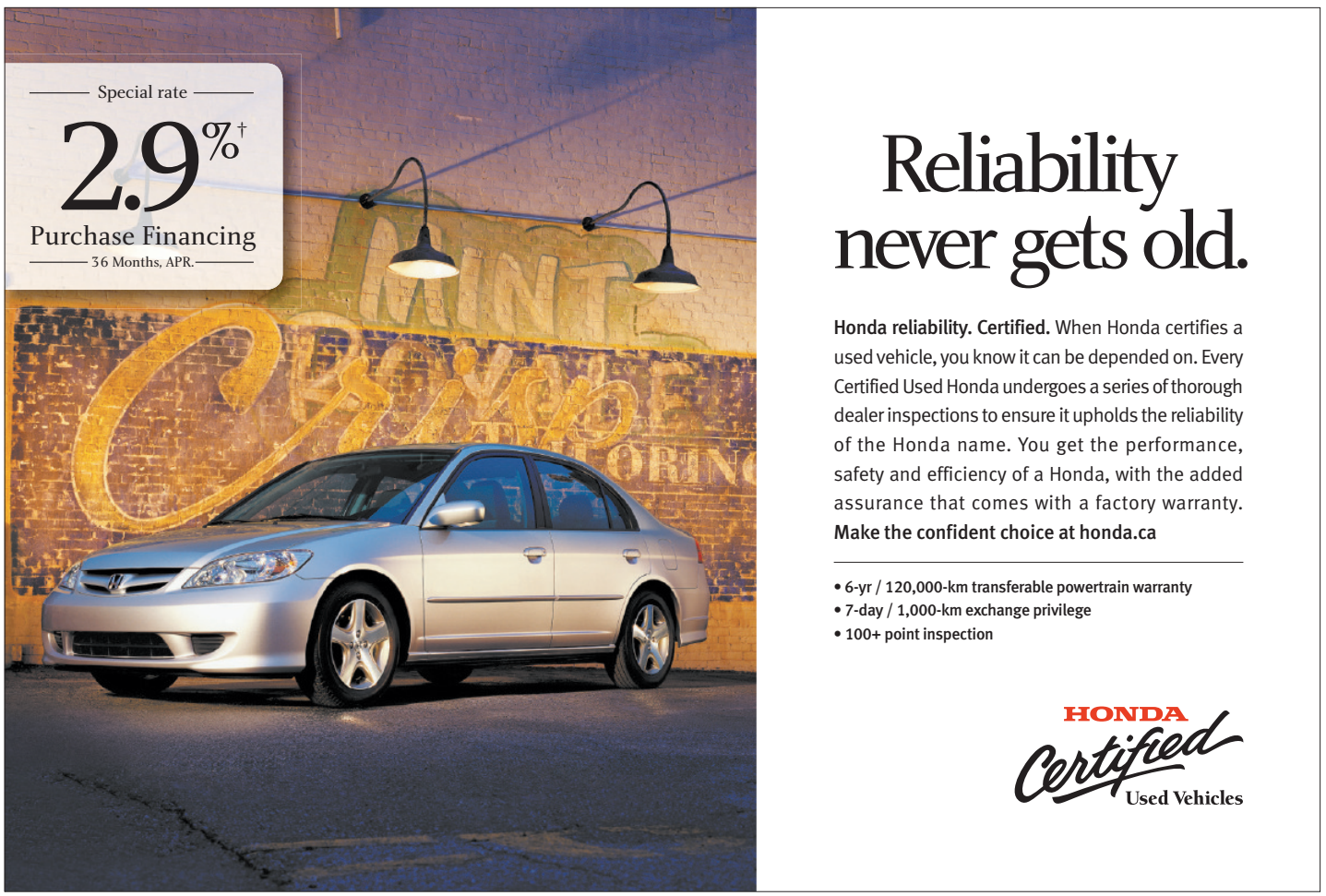

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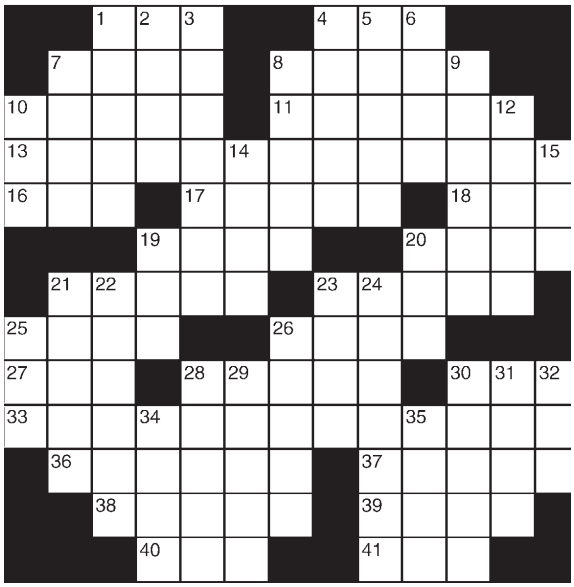

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27 Lennon's lady
28 Exiles
30 Water (Fr.)
33 Puts up holly, perhaps
36 Certain Muslim
37 Letter after 16-Across
38 Tend the helm
39 Latvia's capital
40 Blunder
41 Attempt

Down
1 Porch
2 Grand story
3 Stopped the ball carrier
4 Church donation
5 Different
6 Hotel employee
7 Cookware
8 Heartbreakers' lead
9 Picturesque
10 Recipe meas.
12 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
14 Bargain event
15 Some GI duties
19 Historic time
20 Scrap
21 Tarzan's transports
22 Geological periods
23 Adorable
24 Briefly
25 Scepter
26 Potok's "My Name Is — Lev"
28 Wicker willow
29 Say
30 Plaintive poem
31 Pond organism
32 Can. neighbor
34 Charlie Brown's nemesis, at times
35 Eastern potentate (Var.)

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	J	A	R	■	R	A	P	■	A	R	A	B
M	U	L	E	■	E	W	E	■	N	O	N	E
E	D	I	T	■	H	E	A	D	N	O	T	E
N	O	T	E	P	A	D	■	Y	E	M	E	N
■	■	■	■	L	A	B	■	L	E	A	■	■
S	M	E	L	T	■	P	A	D	L	O	C	K
O	A	T	■	■	P	O	X	■	■	H	O	E
L	O	C	K	J	A	W	■	W	R	O	N	G
■	■	■	N	O	W	■	M	O	E	■	■	■
A	S	S	E	S	■	J	A	W	B	O	N	E
B	O	N	E	H	E	A	D	■	A	R	E	A
E	L	A	L	■	O	V	A	■	T	E	A	S
L	O	G	S	■	N	A	M	■	E	S	P	Y

Sudoku

1				8	3	2		6
4	3						7	
				9	5		4	
	2					1		
			6		9			
		1					9	
	7		9	6				
	6						2	5
9		2	3	5				8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box cointains the digits 1-9 only once. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	5	7	3	2	9	1	4	6
2	3	6	1	4	5	8	7	9
1	4	9	6	7	8	5	3	2
9	7	5	8	1	4	2	6	3
3	6	8	2	5	7	4	9	1
4	1	2	9	3	6	7	5	8
7	8	3	4	9	1	6	2	5
6	2	4	5	8	3	9	1	7
5	9	1	7	6	2	3	8	4

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XO JENN!

Martin, 21 years since we married and I love you today more than ever.
TRACY

Hi Keisha B. Congrats on another successful year at school. You are growing up into a beautiful and intelligent young women. You are amazing...
LOVE DAD

I am sending a kiss for super hot looking guy Hernan.
SECRET HOT GIRL

How did I get so lucky?
XO MARIA

Heather C, darlin' — see you Thursday?
RICHARD

Judy, You're an amazing Mom. Good luck on Wednesday.
LOVE CHRISTINE

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Friday Partly sunny 19° / 12°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The higher you aim the more you will accomplish this week, and the more you accomplish the more you will feel good about yourself and life in general.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 Don't sit around thinking about what might have been — get out into the world and do something special. The next few days are going to be crucial to your emotional and mental well-being.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may not much trust a particular person but what they have to tell you today is important , and deep down you know it is true.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Today clear your mind of irrelevant details and allow you to start moving forwards again. Be brave, be bold and above all be ready to act when opportunity comes knocking.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 It is impossible for you to fail (almost), so the more risks you take this coming week the more you could accomplish. Don't just aim to be good, aim to be the very best.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Today you can quite easily charm your way past other people's defenses. Say nice things and you'll get even more nice things in return.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Only you know how much effort you have put into your work and only you know how much it has taken out of you. You've trumped everyone's expectations, so reward yourself with a vacation.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on the important tasks that have to be finished over the next few days and don't let other people side-track you with their personal problems. Even romantic relationships must take a back seat.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Jupiter, your ruler and planet of plenty, will bring out the best in you over the next few days. The higher you aim the more likely it is you will succeed, so don't hold back.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Major changes are possible, but you must be the one who makes the first move. Sit down with the one you love and talk through any problems you might have.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you need to open up a bit about your thoughts and feelings now is the time because you are guaranteed a positive response. You'll be surprised how easy it is to confide in people.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Today will reveal a whole new range of possibilities and all you have to do is decide which one you are going to devote yourself to. But it must only be one. If you double your aims you halve your effectiveness.

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